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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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Week Ending 7/8/68

WEATHER Nebraska experienced persistently cool weather the past week until seasonal temperatures returned to the State on Sunday. Temperatures averaged from five to eight degrees below normal.

The widely scattered showers that fell somewhere in the State nearly every day were generally light. Little significant moisture was received except in local areas where isolated spots received amounts of an inch or more.

CROPS Wheat harvest made good progress until the week end when damp conditions slowed or halted combining. About 35 percent of the crop has been harvested. This is ahead of last year when only 20 percent had been combined. The increase can be attributed to good harvesting conditions in eastern areas. The remaining acres are maturing normally and harvest should get under way in the Panhandle this week.

Condition of corn, sorghums and soybeans remained about the same as the previous week. Rains are needed in most areas to maintain current crop prospects. Portions of the southwest and eastern areas are becoming extremely dry. Farmers are busy tilling row crops so that irrigation operations can be started. Early fields are being irrigated. Sugar beets, potatoes, and dry beans are making very good progress. Spring small grains made good progress and are ripening. Some of the oats were cut for hay or silage in the dry areas. Alfalfa and wild hay conditions are below a year ago because of dry weather. About 25 percent of the second crop alfalfa has been cut. Wild hay harvest is just getting under way in western and northern areas.

Pasture and range feed conditions are variable with portions of the northeast, south central and southeast remaining below average. Some supplemental feeding is necessary in these areas.

LIVESTOCK Livestock conditions are favorable and good gains are being realized.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 7, 1968

<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>	
Grand Island	.26	Burwell	.37	Chadron	.01
Lincoln	.12	North Platte	.43	Imperial	.58
Norfolk	.15	Valentine	.11	Scottsbluff	.48
Omaha	.01			Sidney	.25
Sioux City	.60				

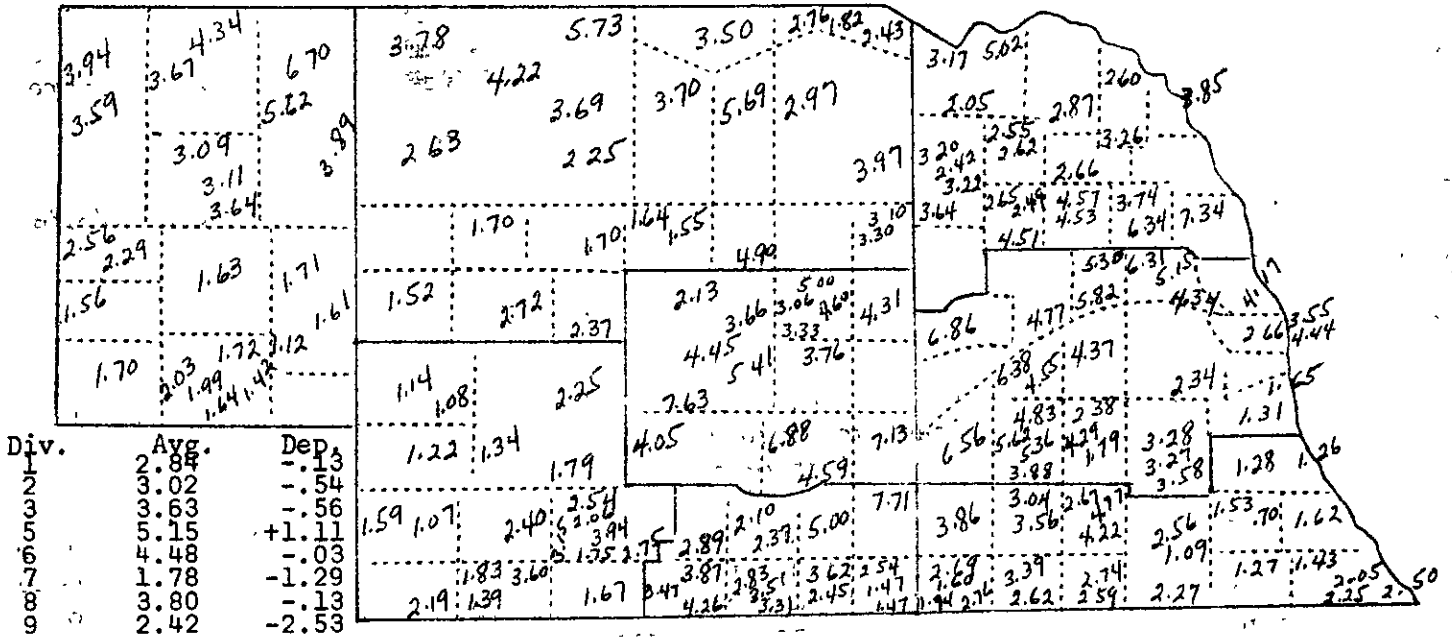
Precipitation, April 1 - July 5, 1968

	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	.35	.55	.37	.43	.16	.56	.22	.06
Total since April 1	7.86	9.65	8.85	9.55	10.95	6.32	8.99	8.81
Normal since April 1	8.10	9.36	10.76	10.26	11.25	8.59	10.16	12.17

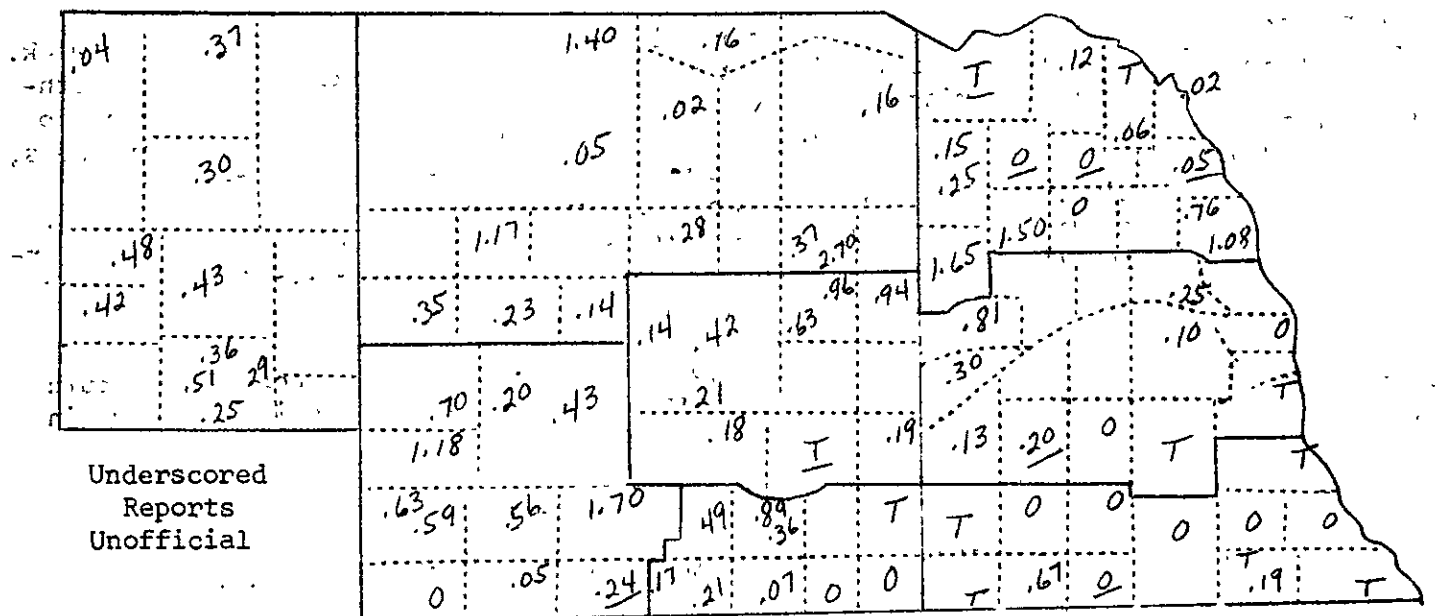
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PRECIPITATION MAP FOR MONTH OF JUNE 1968



PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 5, 1968



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURE (Highs for 24 hours ending at 12:01 a.m., and lows for 12 hours ending at 6:00 a.m., CST)

		July		1st		2nd		3rd		4th		5th		6th		7th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	72	41	79	54	87	49	83	58	73	52	88	53	88	59		
	Scottsbluff	75	51	75	53	88	52	87	59	71	56	84	55	93	61		
	Sidney	76	50	70	50	87	50	84	55	60	50	78	52	90	58		
NC	Burwell	74	47	76	49	84	55	82	54	72	61	78	57	88	--		
	Valentine	69	43	75	52	86	53	84	59	78	63	81	57	89	55		
NE	Norfolk	75	49	74	49	86	60	85	57	86	64	73	62	90	67		
	Sioux City	75	48	72	47	83	60	85	59	86	64	76	63	87	65		
CEN	Grand Island	79	51	76	50	86	58	84	59	83	65	77	63	90	63		
EC	Lincoln	81	56	76	52	86	69	88	62	88	69	77	67	90	70		
	Omaha	77	53	72	53	84	63	83	63	84	65	73	63	90	68		
SW	Imperial	82	51	72	51	89	50	87	61	69	57	85	54	92	56		
	North Platte	77	52	62	46	84	49	82	56	70	60	81	54	86	53		